Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering Masters Scholarship

Code: 1119  
Faculty: Engineering  
Applicable study: ENGSCI 796 or ENGSCI 798  
Closing date: By nomination  
Tenure: One year  
For: Assistance with study  
Number on offer: One or more  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: Up to $14,064.65 in 2024, plus compulsory fees

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students to undertake a Master of Engineering in Engineering Science or a Master of Operations Research and Analytics in the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering Masters Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $14,064.65 in 2024 paid as a fortnightly stipend, plus compulsory fees (See Notes I and II). Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in ENGSCI 796 in a Master of Engineering or ENGSCI 798 in a Master of Operations Research and Analytics in the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific applicants) in their most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note IV).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent
qualifying programme (see Note IV) and the nature and quality of the research proposal. The following departmental strategic priority may also inform selection: support for candidates who wish to work i) in new areas of research where other sources of funding are difficult to find, ii) with new members of staff who are just establishing their research programme, and/or iii) on research projects of strategic importance to the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering (see Note V).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering (or nominee), the Deputy Head of Department (Research) (or nominee) and the Departmental Postgraduate Advisor from the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering (or nominee).

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in ENGSCI 796 in a Master of Engineering or ENGSCI 798 in a Master of Operations Research and Analytics in the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering.

7. Payment will be made as a fortnightly stipend and a compulsory fees credit. Stipend payments will commence in the first semester of enrolment, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee’s enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee). Awardees who commence their programme in December will receive their stipend payments from the third week of December.

8. The Scholarship may not be held with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship, or a Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering Masters Award. However, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.

9. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per year during the tenure of this Scholarship.

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Engineering.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

12. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.


Notes

I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.

II. Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

III. New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident.

IV. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation
for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme in which they are applying, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.

V. The research proposal must have been assessed and approved by the supervisor of the thesis at the Department of Engineering Science and Biomedical Engineering.

VI. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.